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**Subject:** RE: Region 9 media query - Honolulu Civil Beat re: EPA pesticides investigations in Hawaii

Thanks .. we will likely handle here

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Aloha Bill,

I'm working on this story on EPA's investigation into pesticide use in Hawaii and the possibility of civil rights violations: <http://www.civilbeat.org/2017/03/epa-to-probe-whether-pesticide-use-harms-native-hawaiians/>. How common are these investigations and how long is it expected to take?

I've heard previously that the EPA has been investigating Monsanto's use of pesticides on Maui since May 2016 and Syngenta's use of pesticides on Kauai since January 2017. Is it accurate to say these investigations are still ongoing?

Mahalo,  
Anita

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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